Statement

Sl. No	Name of the Road	Length
		Kms.
1	Solapur-Osmanabad-Beed-Aurangabad-Dhule-Vadodara	642
2	Bombay-Ahmednagar-Nanded-Jagadalpur	660
3	Ratnagiri-Solapur-Nagpur	807
4	Westal Costal Highway	704
5	Surat-Dhule	127
6	Aurangabad-Nanded-Hyderabad	351
7	Indore-Amravati-Yeotmal-Chandrapur-Durg	597
8	Aurangabad-Ajanta-Edlabad-Burhanpur	201
9	Betul-Nagpur-Chandrapur-Pattagundam	408
10	Amravati-Pandhrna	96
11	Mangalwedha-Jat-Belgaum	86
	TOTAL	4679

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Mitigations of Grievances of SC/ST Employees in Public Sector Banks

2454. SHRI MUKUL BALAKRISHNA WASNIK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether instructions have been issued by the Government to the nationalised banks to hold quarterly meetings with SC and ST employees associations in their respective banks to discuss and solve the grievances of these employees ;

(b) if so, whether any monitoring of the meeting is being done by the Government; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the implementation of reservation policy for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in services of public sector banks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Chief Executives of Nationalised banks hold meetings with the representatives of the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe associations. The periodical reports are placed before their respective Boards, which includes informations about such meeting. The review Reports are also received by the Government once in a year. To ensure implementation of reservation policy for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the service of public sector banks, the public sector banks have been inter-alia advised :—

(i) to set up Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes cells in the Head Office/Zonal and Regional Offices;

(ii) to appoint senior level officers as Liaison Officers in the Head Office and also at Zonal and Regional Offices;

(iii) to place before the Board of Directors, at least once a year, a report on the progress made on implementation of reservation policy for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the banks for review by the Board;

(iv) to submit a copy of the Review Report for the previous year, in the prescribed proforma, to the Government for monitoring the implementation of reservation policy in the banks;

(v) to hold discussions once a quarter at the level of the chief executives on the matters relating to reservations with the representatives of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes employees' associations functioning in the bank;

(vi) to impart training on reservation policies to all officers and staff deployed to implement the reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

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Outstanding Debt Against Iraq

2455. SHRI VISHWANATH SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of debt with interest outstanding against Iraq;

(b) the time by which this amount is likely to be recovered; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government for its early recovery ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) to (c) Dues of Indian companies in respect of projects undertaken in Iraq and dues under the Exim Bank Lines of Credit extended to Iraq as on 30th April, 1991 amount to US $ 614·52 million including principal and interest. Continuing efforts for recovery of dues are going on with the Deferred Payment Arrangements having started since 1983. Dues covered under the Deferred Payment Arrangements ($453·22 million) as per the last Agreement of March, 1990 with the Government of Iraq, are to be paid by 1996.

After economic sanctions against Iraq are lifted, contact will be enhanced with the Iraqi authorities to work out the modalities for realisation of the dues under the Defferred Payment Arrangements as well as others.

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Financial Assistance to Ex-Servicemen

2456. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise number of ex-servicemen or their dependents who have received financial assistance under the various schemes for the welfare of ex-servicemen during the last three years and the amount thereof; and

(b) the steps being taken to make the district and State level Sainik Boards more competent and effective?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) The State-wise number of ex-servicemen or their dependents who have received financial assistance under the various schemes for the welfare of ex-Servicemen during the last three years and the amount thereof are given in the statement.

(b) Rajya Sainik Boards/Zila Sainik Boards function directly under the administrative control of the State Governments/Union Territories. A Committee was set up by the Government of India in 1979 to go into the functioning of these bodies and make suitable recommendations for revitalising them. This Committee had made certain recommendations which were accepted by the Government of India and forwarded to the State Governments/Union Territories for implementation. Some of the important recommendations made by this Committee for revitalising these Boards were :—

(i) Setting up separate Zila Sainik Boards by the concerned State/Territory Government if the population of ex-Servicemen and families of serving/deceased Service personnel is 7,500 or more.

(ii) Laying down uniform staffing pattern for the Zila Sainik Boards.

(iii) Reviewing the existing staff of the Rajya Sainik Boards by the concerned States, as per their norms.

(iv) Giving status of Class-I gazetted officers to the Secretaries of the Zila Sainik Boards and declaring them as Heads of Office.

(v) Provision of office telephone with the Zila Sainik Boards/Rajya Sainik Boards.

(vi) Provision of official transport to Secretaries of Rajya Sainik Boards.

It has been reported that most of these recommendations have since been accepted and implemented by the State Governments/Union Territories.